

APPROVED: Meeting No. 09-90

ATTEST: *Sharon Gran*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 08-90

February 20, 1990

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on February 20, 1990, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepien

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing: Map Amendment
Application M-56-89, Mayor and
Council of Rockville, Applicant

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Map Amendment Application M-56-89, the purpose of which is to place the Lincoln High School buildings and site on N. Stonestreet Avenue, Lincoln Avenue and Howard Avenue in an Historic District under the jurisdiction of the Historic District Commission. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks until March 6, 1990.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

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1. William Meyer, 804 Leverton Road, discussed the issue of wetlands mitigation in connection with the Ritchie Parkway project, noting that such mitigation may have a substantial impact on surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Meyer suggested that if the lake is not constructed on the Tower Dawson site, comments from the public may be in order to consider the impact that change would have.

The City Manager responded that he is in regular contact with Mr. Meyer and will provide him with the requested information.

There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Councilmember Hovsepian referenced the letter from State Senator Frank Shore and asked if City representatives would be testifying at the hearing on Senate Bill 516, Drug Free Zones - Community Recreation Centers - Parks. Mr. Romer responded that staff is developing testimony which will be provided to the Mayor and Council prior to the hearing on February 27.

Regarding the repairs to the Scott Drive Bridge, Councilmember Coyle expressed concern regarding ample notification to residents. Mr. Romer responded that the schools have been notified and signs have been posted regarding the repairs to take place February 21-23. Additionally, the Police Department is ready to move traffic along at Ritchie Parkway and Glen Mill Road during the rush hour. In response to Councilmember Robbins, Mr. Romer indicated that some advance warning signs would be put in place on Glen Mill Road before the Scott Drive turn.

Councilmember Marrinan asked if staff had received responses from the citizens associations regarding participation in the Watts Branch traffic advisory committee. Since the letters had just been mailed last week, the City Manager noted that no response has been received. Mayor Duncan requested that Beth Eisman, a resident of the area, be included as part of the group and that she be notified that she has been selected to

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participate. Councilmember Coyle suggested that a representative from Fallsmead Elementary also be asked to participate on the committee.

Re: New Business

Regarding the Gaithersburg Vicinity Master Plan Amendment, Councilmember Marrinan expressed concern that it appears the City is supportive of the link between Great Seneca Highway and Ritchie Parkway which he feels is not an appropriate throughway. He also indicated that the information provided by staff did not mention redesignation of Route 28 which should be included inasmuch as it will affect the whole Shady Grove area. Councilmember Marrinan requested information regarding the City's position on TDRs and asked when the Thomas Farm property would be annexed into the City.

Councilmember Hovsepian noted that the Banks Farm is part of the Shady Grove area land donated to Johns Hopkins for educational purposes and staff should determine if this property is part of the proposal. If this property is included in the proposal, what is the designated use?

It was agreed that the City's position regarding the Gaithersburg Vicinity Master Plan would be scheduled as an agenda item for the general session meeting of February 26.

Mayor Duncan requested information from City staff regarding an anti-drug rally to be held in Lincoln Park on Tuesday, February 27.

Councilmember Coyle expressed concern regarding the use of the former Lincoln High School site following its historic site designation. In view of the fact that the Board of Education must declare the site surplus in order for any future uses to be considered, it was agreed that the City will continue to monitor this situation very closely until such time as appropriate action is necessary.

Councilmember Coyle mentioned that he has been reappointed to the National League of Cities' Human Development Steering Committee which will be meeting March 3-4. He requested input from City staff and the Mayor and Council regarding issues for

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discussion at this meeting. Councilmember Marrinan was also recently appointed to NLC's Transportation and Communications Committee which will be meeting during that same time, and further discussion regarding relevant issues for both meetings was tentatively scheduled for the meeting of February 26.

Re: Executive Session

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to consult with counsel and to discuss land disposition matters.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on February 26, 1990, or at the call of the Mayor.